



**PATENT APPLICATION**

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Date March 1, 2005

In re the Application of

Hiroaki MASAOKA

Group Art Unit: 3726

Application No.: 09/987,416

Examiner: A. Tugbang

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Docket No.: 111107

For: AN APPARATUS FOR CONFIRMING CONNECTION OF A TERMINAL  
CONNECTING PORTION (AS AMENDED)

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**  
**AND TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Continuing Application based on the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period for response having expired on February 12, 2005, an extension of time for a period of 1 month is hereby requested. Attached hereto is our Check No. 164117 in the amount of \$ 120.00 pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17.

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